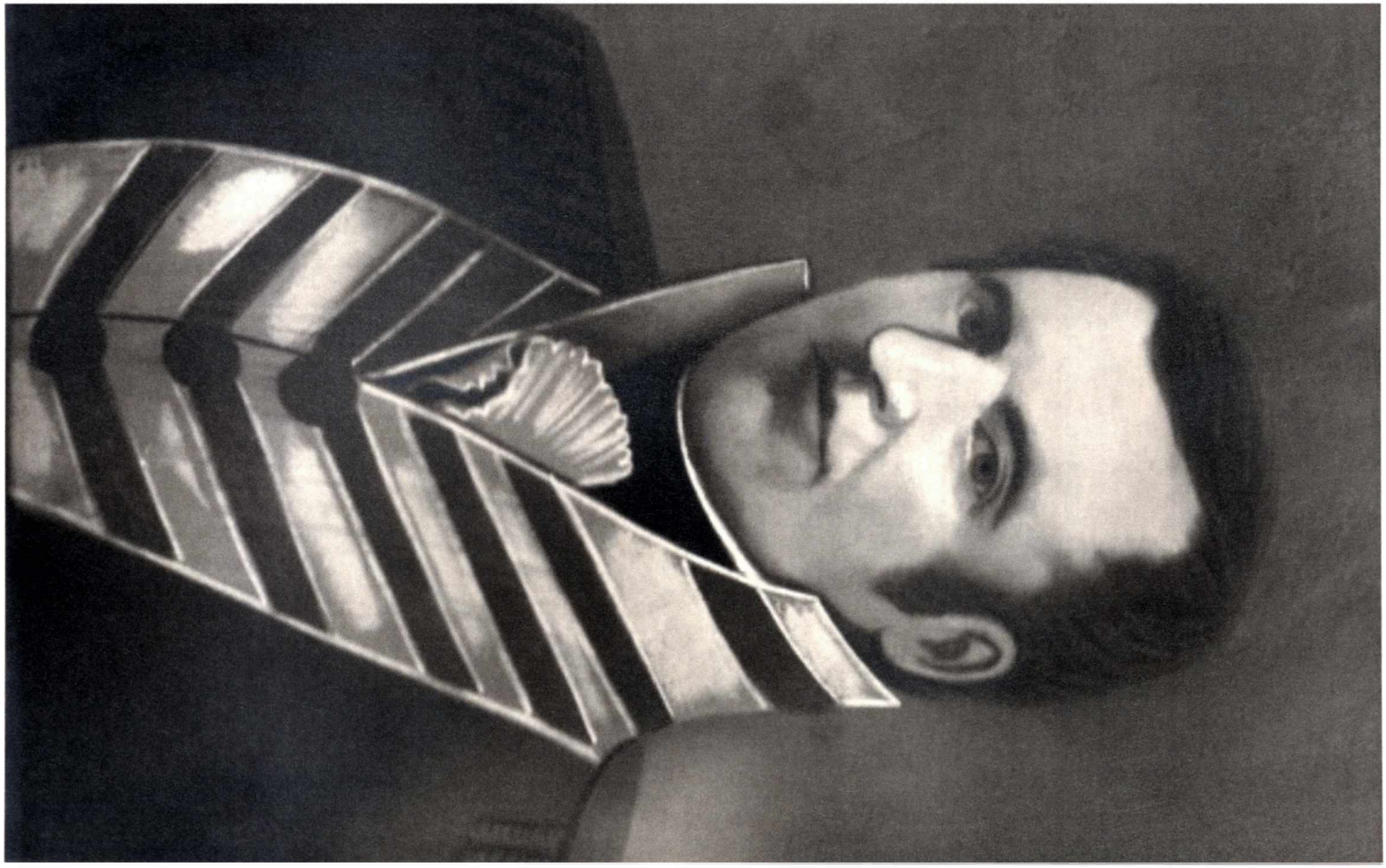
Lt. Col. Peter B. Allen Memorial Service
Saturday, June 11, 2016



Peter Buell Allen

b. November 24, 1775
Duchess County, New York

d. June 13, 1833
Terre Haute, Indiana

Peter Buell Allen was noted as a pioneer settler of Vigo County, and the emerging village of Terre Haute. Before moving to Vigo County in 1818, Peter Allen was noted as in influential member of the Richmond, New York area. In 1806 Allen was a founding member of Genessee Lodge No. 32, F&AM in Ontario County, New York and in 1808 he was elected to the Vestry of St. Pauls Episcopal Church in Honeoye, New York, for which he and his brother, Nathaniel, donated property which is still known as Allen's Hill. In 1812 Allen was elected to represent Honeoye in the Ontario County Legislature, and then on May, 28, 1812 Allen was chosen to command, as a Lieutenant Colonel, the 20th Infantry Regiment of the New York State Militia, known as "Allen's Regiment." He was also known to command, on at least one occasion, the 22nd Infantry Regiment of the United States Army, before being captured as a Prisoner of War on October 13, 1812 at the Battle of Queenston Heights, Canada.

Upon returning home, Allen rejoined the Vestry at St. Pauls Episcopal Church, and was elected to the New York State Legislature in 1815, 1816, and 1817. On May 16, 1817 Allen was recorded as having sold all of his property in New York and Connecticut to his brother, Nathaniel, before heading west on flatboat to eventually land in Vigo County at "Old Terre Haute."

In Terre Haute Allen became a large land owner, owning over 800 acres in addition to 120 acres co-owned with Major Markle. He was the general contractor on the first courthouse, and the Master of the first Masonic Lodge in Vigo County, Terre Haute Lodge No. 19, F&AM.

Masonic Memorial Procession

Procession Music by:

Terre Haute Fire Department Pipe Band

Remarks from the Grand Lodge of Indiana

Most Worshipful Brother Carey B. Carter, Grand Master

Episcopalian Rites

The Reverend Drew Downs

St. Stephens Episcopal Church

Military Honors

Veterans of Foreign Wars Honor Guard

Lawton-Byrom Post No. 972

Masonic Honors

1818 Masonic Graveside Memorial Service

Terre Haute Lodge No. 19, F&AM

Masonic Memorial Procession

All are invited to join us at the Terre Haute Masonic Temple,
224 North 8th Street, for refreshments proceeding the Memorial Service.

The Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren of
Terre Haute Lodge No. 19, F&AM would like to thank you for
coming to celebrate the life and accomplishments of
Lt. Col. Peter B. Allen.

You are invited to join us at the Terre Haute Masonic Temple,
224 North 8th Street, after the service for refreshments.
Tours of the building will also be available
to anyone that is interested.